

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 56  
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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Rondal B. Cole  
of Elizabethton.

WHEREAS, it was with great sadness and a profound sense of loss that the members of this General Assembly and the citizens of our state learned of the death of Rondal B. Cole; and

WHEREAS, Rondal B. Cole was a distinguished citizen of the state of Tennessee who was very dedicated to his profession, community and family; and

WHEREAS, a native of Elizabethton, Rondal B. Cole was a graduate of Elizabethton High School; and

WHEREAS, Rondal B. Cole received his undergraduate degree from Milligan College and later received his law degree from the University of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from law school, Rondal Cole proudly served his country in the U.S. Army; and

WHEREAS, devoting his life to the practice of law, Rondal Cole served an exemplary tenure as Assistant U.S. Attorney in Nashville from 1957 to 1960; and

WHEREAS, Rondal Cole established the law firm of Dugger and Cole in 1961 along with his lifelong friend, George Dugger; and

WHEREAS, until his untimely death Mr. Cole continued to practice law with partners George Dugger, Mark Dugger and Kathryn Dugger Mack, all of Elizabethton; and

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WHEREAS, Rondal Cole enjoyed the loving companionship of his brother, State Representative Ralph Cole and his wife Dolores; two nieces, Ann Cole and Carol Cole Scruggs; and his nephew Charles Cole; and

WHEREAS, his peerless commitment to his fellow Tennesseans is hereby commemorated with the dedication of the Rondal B. Cole Research Laboratory in Immunology located in the Carl Jones Hall at the James H. Quillen College of Medicine at East Tennessee State University in Johnson City; and

WHEREAS, actually composed of two research laboratories the “Rondal B. Cole Research Laboratory” is involved in the research of molecular immunology, and the immunology of exercise, particularly the immunologic mechanisms whereby exercise prevents the onset or progression of arteriosclerotic heart disease, and how it may benefit other common diseases such as diabetes, osteoporosis and certain forms of cancer; and

WHEREAS, these laboratories, which are comprised of a diverse group of faculty, fellows, post-graduate students, medical students and residents, are researching other topics as well, including an examination of the protective functions of immunoglobulin E; and

WHEREAS, the Rondal B. Cole Research Laboratory is also involved in developing new technologies for the diagnosis of pulmonary disease; and

WHEREAS, the legacy Rondal Cole leaves behind will be long remembered and treasured by friends and associates for many years to come; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this legislative body pause in its deliberations to remember the exemplary life of this fine Tennessean; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Rondal B. Cole, remembering with admiration his exemplary character and many selfless contributions to the community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Rondal B. Cole.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.